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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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BRITTANY RIDGE ASSAULT CASE

Suspect pleads not guilty

Seventh count added during Jackson's status hearing

BY ERIN MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

The man who allegedly broke into an Eastern student's apartment in September is now being charged with an additional count of misdemeanor battery.

Patrick Jackson pleaded not guilty Monday morning to all seven counts, which include three Class X felonies, said Scott Lerner, Jackson's attorney of Lerner Law Offices in Champaign.

Jackson was originally being charged with



PATRICK JACKSON

armed violence, two counts of home invasion, aggravated battery and attempted aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Jackson is out on bond after the judge reduced it to 10 percent of \$100,000 in October.

He has no previous record of violence or failure to appear in court.

To fulfill the conditions of his bond, Jackson cannot leave Illinois, he must abstain from con-

tact with the alleged victim and roommate and he cannot leave Moultrie County unless he is attending court in Coles County.

Jackson is living with his parents in his hometown of Lovington.

The judge gave Jackson permission to travel to Champaign County with his parents to meet with his lawyer.

Lerner said he has filed a few requests for discovery that were not provided earlier in the case. A Franks Hearing was also requested by

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HURRICANE KATRINA



HELPING OUT

Eastern students spend break in New Orleans aiding victims

BY JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR

When students returned to campus from a weeklong break with stories of relaxing, no homework and lots of turkey, 15 Eastern students told a different tale.

These students were on a mission to help repair the Lazarus House, a place for HIV and AIDS victims who are unable to live on their own. Lazarus House, also referred to as Project Lazarus, is a hospice and a rehabilitation center for its residents.

The official Web site declares its mission statement as making efforts "to provide continuity of care in a home-like environment. The highest goal of Project Lazarus is to enhance the quality of life of those it serves."

Roy Lanham, director of the Newman Catholic Center, said Eastern students were extremely instrumental in this project. "With all the fundraisers, the concert and tabling, the students raised about \$3,900 for things," Lanham said.

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Top: A home in the ninth ward of New Orleans is left in the middle of the street after Hurricane Katrina devastated the neighborhood. The "X" spray painted on the wall was put there by the military to let the family know the number of dead pets or people found on the property. **Bottom:** Shanta McKay, a senior social sciences major, and Robin Duncan, a freshman political sciences major, paint the recreation room at the Lazarus House during Thanksgiving Break in New Orleans.

To appeal a grade, one of the following must be proved:

- ♦ A professor obviously made a miscalculation on the grade.
- ♦ A professor obviously graded a paper more strictly than for fellow classmates.
- ♦ A professor gave a grade on a basis other than academic achievement.
- ♦ The way a professor graded the material was different than the way he/she told the class he/she would.

Grade appeals rising

Fall semester has highest dispute number on record

BY LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Fighting for the best grade is becoming a common occurrence for Eastern students.

Chelsea Frederick, student vice president for academic affairs who also serves on the Department Grade Appeals Committee, said the number of grade appeals is higher this semester than ever before.

"We don't have exact figures, but there has been an increase in grade appeals," Frederick said. "We are still processing some of them from the spring and the summer."

Internal governing policies outline the four reasons one must have to appeal a grade. The reasons include "an obvious error in the calculation of the grade, the assignment of a grade to a particular student by application of more exacting requirements than were applied to other students in the course, the assignment of a grade to a particular student on some basis other than performance in the course, the assignment of a grade by a substantial departure from the instructor's previously announced standards."

When bringing about a grade appeal, Frederick said the student must first try to talk to their professor. Then, the student must write a request for the head of the department to review the issue. During the meeting with the faculty member and department chair, students show evidence, which can include papers, tests

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Drug information presentation

Students will get the opportunity to learn the truth about illicit drugs tonight at the 7th Street Underground. Speaker Patrick Edwards from Central East Alcohol and Drug Counsel will inform students about the dangers of drugs such as methamphetamines and ecstasy. This event is free of charge and will start at 7:30 p.m.

Patrick Rainville Dorn and directed by Eastern theatre professor Mary Yarbrough will play at 7 p.m. tonight at the Village Theatre.

A cast of 11 students has toured elementary schools in the area with this version of Chicken Little and the Little Red Hen.

Relationship workshop

Relationships can be troubling, stressful and even scary. "What Happened to Mr. Right?" will be pre-

sented tonight by the Counseling Center.

This workshop is meant to advise women on what to do if they are in a violent relationship.

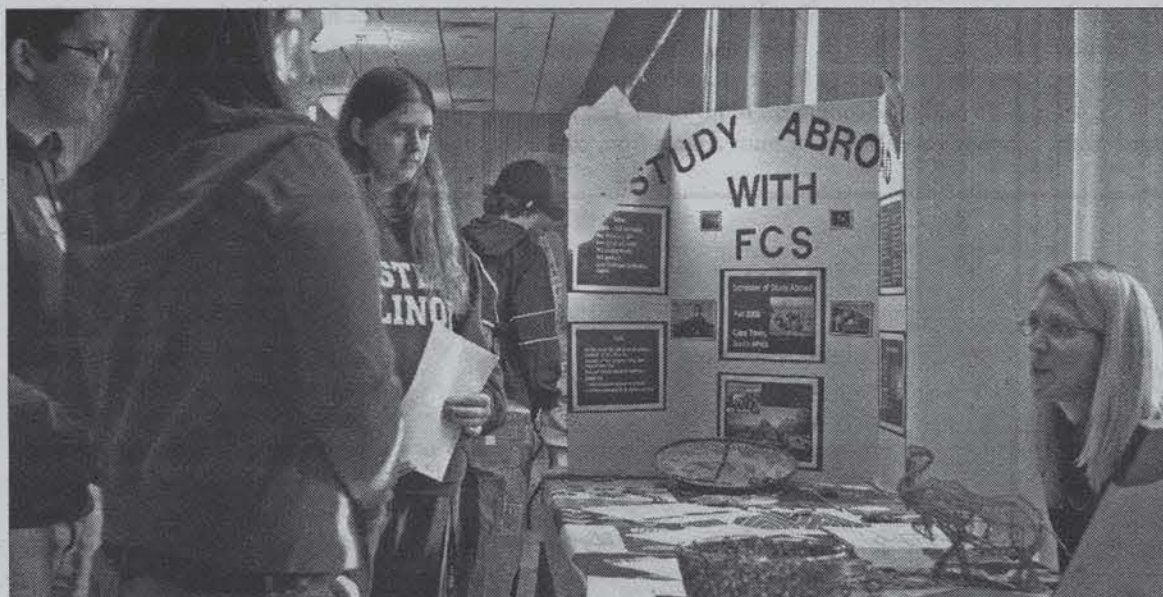
The workshop will teach attendees how to identify signs in persons who are prone to this type of behavior.

The workshop will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Sullivan Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Poultry in Motion"

A comedy presentation written by

COME AWAY WITH ME



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Joselyn Riech, the presidential graduate assistant for the school of family and consumer sciences, discusses with students about studying abroad Monday afternoon in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at the Study Abroad Fair.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Florida study: DDs not so sober

BY ELISE BOUCHARD
THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

TAMPA, Fla. — When it comes to going out and drinking with friends, most students are capable of securing a designated driver.

But according to a University of South Florida study, most of these students are putting their lives in the hands of "less drunk" — rather than sober — drivers.

A group of public relations students, led by assistant professor Kelly Werder, conducted surveys and focus-group research for the Tampa

Alcohol Coalition and found most USF students think a DUI has the same consequential impact as a speeding ticket.

The groups wanted to see if any correlation existed between students' knowledge of DUI penalties and their actual drinking behaviors.

Werder said the coalition paid a fee of \$500 for primary research and the development of a strategic communications campaign, which will be useful and instrumental in the research's conclusion.

Student researcher Kelly Douglass said the group set up the survey on

SurveyMonkey.com, a Web site offering design, collection and analysis services. She said the site helped with random selection; however, the students analyzed the data and set up two focus groups on their own.

Through focus groups totaling 24 students and surveys answered by 406 students, the research showed 48 percent of participants strongly agreed that getting a DUI was something that couldn't happen to them; yet, 42 percent of those same participants knew someone who had been charged with a DUI, according to a press release from Douglass.

WTF?

Ronald MacDonald charged in Wendy's theft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANCHESTER, N.H. — You'd think that just working at a Wendy's restaurant would be difficult for Ronald MacDonald. Now, the 22-

year-old MacDonald — no relation to Ronald McDonald, the clown — has been charged with stealing money from a safe at the Wendy's.

Police said the restaurant manager called police early Monday, saying he

found MacDonald and another employee taking money from the safe at about 1:30 a.m.

MacDonald and Steve Lemay, 20, both of Manchester, were detained at the store until police arrived.

TODAY'S EVENTS

"True Whispers: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers"

4 p.m. and 7 p.m. | Free film
Booth Library Room 3202

Study Abroad

4 p.m. | Informational meeting.
Lawson Hall basement

ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers "How did you find out Eastern lost its Division I-AA playoff game against Southern Illinois University of Carbondale?"

- A) I came back early to see it at O'Brien Stadium.
- B) I checked the score on the Internet.
- C) A friend informed me.
- D) I just found out by reading this.

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EARLY HEADLINES

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CORRECTIONS

In *The Daily Eastern News* article titled "Lack of money issues at education summit," that ran Nov. 10, Student Advisory Committee delegate Ashley Dearborn was inaccurately recognized. She is a student of the City Colleges of Chicago.

In a second article titled, "Faculty receive nearly \$16,000 in state grant money" that ran Nov. 8, the name of biology professor Henry Owen was misspelled. *The DEN* regrets the errors.

POLICE BLOTTER

Kristin Maria Stout, 21, of Charleston was arrested at 3:13 a.m. on Nov. 18 at the intersection of Fourth and Grant streets on the charge of driving under the influence.

John D. Wilson, 31, of Charleston was arrested at 5:40 a.m. Nov. 22 at the O'Brien Stadium interior office area on the charges of criminal damage to government-supported property, criminal trespass to state-supported land and resisting a peace officer.



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Annastacia DeMoore, a member of ZimMarss night club "Dream Team" in Terre Haute, Ind., performs as the opening act for the third annual DIVA show in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

DIVA DRAG SHOW

EIU Pride event raises money for AIDS, HIV shelter in New Orleans

BY KATHERINE ROCHE
STAFF REPORTER

Annastacia DeMoore was just one of the many entertainers who performed Monday night in an hour-and-a-half long DIVA Drag Show to raise money for the Lazarus House, an AIDS and HIV shelter in New Orleans that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

"In the past, people have told me they come to our shows to laugh at the freaks," DeMoore said. "But they end up asking for autographs and being very entertained."

EIU Pride, a student organization that promotes awareness for the gay and lesbian community, held its third annual DIVA show in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

DIVA came to Eastern to perform and entertain a crowd of more than 200 people. Performances to songs such as, "Dude Looks Like a Lady," by Aerosmith and "I'm Every

Woman," by Whitney Houston had the crowd cheering for the divas from beginning to end.

"I have been doing this for over 23 years, and I really enjoy myself," said Staci Stevens, one of the DIVA performers.

"This is our third year at Eastern, and it just keeps getting better," Stevens said.

Six performers took the stage in various dance acts ranging from LaTasha Mills' serenading a chair to Tiara Diamond's booty dance to Missy Elliot.

Teri Moore, a sophomore elementary education major, said she returned this year because of her previous experience with the show.

"The performers are very entertaining, and I had a lot of fun last year," Moore said.

"That is why my friends and I came back."

The DIVA group had the crowd on their feet for most of the show with dollar bills in hand — sometimes in mouth.

"This is our third year at Eastern, and it just keeps getting better."

STACI STEVENS, DIVA PERFORMER

Ann Tarasiewicz, a senior recreation major, said she came because she had seen a similar show at the Baton Club in Chicago.

"They really look like women," Tarasiewicz said. "I had a lot of fun at the Baton Club, so I knew this would be a lot of fun. They're doing a really good job."

All proceeds, including the \$3 general admission fee and the money given to the dancers, will be given to the Lazarus House in New Orleans.

Fall student senate elections around the corner

BY LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Although fall voting hasn't been a high priority for many students in the past, student body president Ryan Berger is hoping this year will be different.

"Students will be able to vote for the new senators," Berger said. "Last year approximately 415 students voted for 15 senators. On a campus of 12,000 students, I'm hoping we can at least double last year's number."

Eastern has three districts: off campus, on campus and at large. These districts are made up through guidelines that require Student Senate to have a certain number of senators who live off campus and a certain number who live on campus.

"There are six open seats for off campus, and six people are running; six open seats for on campus, and 13 are running; and 10 open for at large, and 14 people are running," Berger said.

Although voting in the spring is more com-

petitive because the executive board will be running, Berger believes voting for senators is very important as well.

"The positions are pretty serious," Berger said. "Senators work with administration, and they work with thousands of dollars. I would encourage people to vote."

This year, more people are running, all of whom belong to either United University or the Student United Party.

Berger said in the past, Student Senate hasn't experienced problems with the polls, and will

Student election numbers

- ◆ Students at Eastern: 12,129
- ◆ Open seats for senators: 22
- ◆ Senators running: 33
- ◆ Parties: United University and Student United Party

try to continue without problems this year.

The polls will open Dec. 5 and Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Coleman Hall, Carman Hall, the Student Recreation Center and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Business slows during Thanksgiving break with students gone

BY KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

Last week, many Eastern students, who comprise nearly half of Charleston's population of 21,000, went back to their hometowns for Thanksgiving break, leaving businesses short on consumers.

Business slows down when students leave for breaks, especially in the evenings, said Cameron St. Michael, manager of Boxa.

"The students are a big part of our business because they make up half the town," St. Michael said.

Students' presence also affects employee

availability for businesses.

Boxa hires students during the school year, letting their staff go when students leave, St. Michael said.

"We hold the jobs for them to come back to the next year," he said.

Mike Knoops, owner of Roc's Blackfront, never likes to see students leave because they are a big impact to business.

Twenty percent of business was lost at Monical's Pizza when students went on Thanksgiving break, said Eric Lewis, manager at Monical's.

Jitters and Bliss was extremely slow over

"The students are a big part of our business because they make up half the town."

CAMERON ST. MICHAEL, MANAGER OF BOXA

Thanksgiving break, said Steve Cummins, manager at the coffee shop. Last week, Jitters and Bliss closed earlier than usual.

"We actually have only one employee that doesn't leave over breaks," Cummins said.

But some businesses find that students do not affect them as much as others. The

Uptowner was still busy as usual, said Uptowner manager Adam Miranda.

"For us, we aren't as affected by the student body as say, like Jimmy John's," said Pat Beurskens, an employee at Pagliai's Pizza.

The Shirt Factory also receives a lot of business from the students. During shorter breaks like Thanksgiving students tend to make orders before they leave, said Rich Sandefer, manager at The Shirt Factory.

"This break we were still very busy filling orders students needed done (by the end of break)," Sandefer said.



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COMMENTARY



DAVID THILL
VERGE EDITOR

WORKING HARD OR HARDLY WORKING

Ever since I was a spry 15 years old, I have held a job (i.e., gainful employment).

One of the very first principles I gathered upon entering the working world was that one gets paid for the work they do, or more accurately put, people get paid for working.

However, I feel it is fair in my case to state that in my nearly five years working for a fast-food restaurant my mantra has been "show up, pretend to work and get paid." But that is neither here nor there.

The point is that people get paid for working. People do not get paid for not working. This is a simple idea, as old as the concept of currency itself. So imagine my surprise when I found out from a coworker the other day that upon requesting no ice in his drink at a restaurant, he was charged 10 cents.

Excuse me? Did I miss something?

My friend asked them to skip the ice portion of the drink-assembling process and he was charged additionally for it. He effectively asked them to do less work and he had to pay them to not work. Does this seem strange to anyone else?

I understand that in the business world ice takes the place of the soft drink, thus allowing the restaurant to use less soda (or "pop," whichever you prefer), and save money. So to ask for no ice and force the use of more soda to fill the drink would result in a higher cost. But still, the idea that he was charged more for asking them to not do something is ridiculous.

The same goes for having an unlisted phone number. Apparently, if someone wishes to leave their phone number out of the book, they are charged a fee for this non-service. This means that during the process of typing all those names and addresses and numbers into the book, the person doing the typing will see that they do not have to put in that number and skip along to the next one. And, I guess, asking someone to skip your name and not do something is cause for one to pay more.

This idea simply baffles me.

Let's say, for example, you walk into your favorite tavern of choice and sit down at the bar. You get the barkeeps attention and ask for a light beer. Not a beer, a light beer. You aren't charged an additional dollar for the calories you are not getting.

You don't pay more money for a Diet Coke as opposed to Coke. No one is asking you to pay him or her to not put sugar in it.

You get paid for doing something. The act of not doing something does not, in and of itself, count as actually doing something. So why are we charged more because of it in certain instances?

And furthermore, as my other friend brought up to me just seconds ago, why must one pay more for extra cheese on a burger and yet should you ask them to leave, let's say, lettuce off of the sandwich, you don't get a reduced price.

I don't want to pay the same price for a sandwich that is missing a component. I should not have to pay for the air that is taking the place of the lettuce on the burger. Why shouldn't a sandwich missing one of its key elements be offered to the consumer for a reduced price?

It may seem like nothing more than a rant and a rave, but the next time you ask someone to not do something and they charge you for it, just think about the gross injustice being forced upon you.

In fact, I am going to go ahead and stop typing, but since I am saving you the reader the effort of reading any more, I am going to have to ask for \$5 in exchange.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID PENNELL



EDITORIAL

Controversies plague Republicans

Recently, plenty of attention has been paid to three key figures of the Republican Party. But for any of the controversy surrounding majority leader Tom Delay, vice presidential adviser Lewis "Scooter" Libby and presidential adviser Karl Rove to make a difference in the legislative body, the next year will play a significant role.

Because of these three the Republican Party has seen its established hold over Congress and the Executive branch of government questioned. But only Libby has been dealt with at this point in time.

Libby resigned after being investigated by Special Council Patrick Fitzgerald for involvement in releasing undercover CIA agent Valerie Plame's name to the press.

Rove was investigated for the same thing, but Fitzgerald announced that his investigation will continue while Libby was forced to resign.

Meanwhile, Delay is in trouble because of campaign finances. As the New York Times stated: "(he) faces charges involving illegal corporate campaign donations."

All three of these controversial matters could impact the next Congressional election, which will be the most significant a year from now in November 2006. If the investigations into Rove and Delay continue to pour out negative news for the Republican Party, you can bet that it will have a negative impact on their counterparts who are running for office.

At issue

The controversies surrounding three key members of the Republican party.

Our stance

Due to problems within the Republican party, control they have could be up in the air come next year. The Democrats have an open opportunity to claim more seats in the government branches.

Already, Republican candidates for governor positions have felt this effect across the United States.

In both New Jersey and Virginia, Republican governors were running for reelection and were supported by and campaigned with President George W. Bush. But some attributed those Republican's losses for the positions to the negative news surrounding the White House and Congressman Delay.

At the moment, it is not known when the remnants of Delay's trial will be coming down from the Texas Supreme Court. If it nears the time of elections a year from now, another blow will be struck to the party as a whole.

This is an opportunity the Democratic Party cannot avoid to miss. For years now, the Republicans have controlled the president's office and cabinet, and power of Congress has been kept away from the Democrats as well.

But this now becomes an opportunity for the American public to see, before their own eyes, a party in crisis as the Republicans try to lick the wounds of these controversies.

The Democrats cannot let this time pass as they attempt to retake some control of the government. This is a great opportunity for the Democratic party.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of
The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words and can go up to 600 words.

CARTOONISTS WANTED

The DEN is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective. Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

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E-mail addresses left out in campus phone book

Distribution of new copy to come out this semester, correct mistakes

BY KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

A second copy of Eastern's campus phone book will come out this semester to replace the first, which was missing some necessary information.

The phone book, which is put out every year, contains contact and location information for faculty, students and offices on campus. This year's book mistakenly did not contain e-mail addresses for Eastern's faculty members, said Clay Hopkins, director of telecommunications.

"People called in and complained," Hopkins

said.

After realizing the mistake, faculty member's e-mail addresses were added to the pages and corrected books are currently being printed.

Until the new books come out in December, more complete information can be found on the online phone book on Eastern's Web page.

"Most students don't use the paper book (anymore)," Hopkins said. "They are more familiar with the online phone book."

Because of this, Hopkins said he does not consider the mistake a big problem.

Stephen Canfield, chair of the foreign language department, said even though he feels like he has been inconvenienced, he has found a way to resolve his problem.

"I can't look up e-mail addresses. It's definitely an inconvenience," he said. "(But) I look on the Web site, and I have my old phone book."

However, some faculty members are not satisfied with that. Bill Addison, chair of the psychology department, said he only uses the



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

online version occasionally because "sometimes it's not correct."

Some students have not even noticed the current phone book's problem, because they don't use them often.

"I don't think I've ever used (the phone book)," said Kristen Harbach, a junior special

education and elementary education major.

Harbach said if she needed to look up someone's phone number or e-mail address, she would be more likely to use the online phone book.

She said she already has most of the numbers she needs in her files.

Teachers, students from across state showcase projects for display

BY KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Teachers and students from across Illinois will descend on Eastern today to present science and mathematics projects for display in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"There will be 41 projects (on display)," said Marylin Lisowski of early childhood, elementary and middle education. "The students are in all grades from primary through high school."

The displays cover a wide variety of topics and areas of science and math.

"There are some on trapping butterflies, investigating water quality and mapping prairie plants," Lisowski said.

Eastern students and faculty worked with those from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to plan the showcase.

To find teachers who would help the students develop their projects, notices were sent to science teachers at schools all over the state. The teachers had to fill out an application and meet the project's criteria.

"They had to make a commitment to use new technology with their students," Lisowski said.

The program has occurred at Eastern for 10 years with some of the same teachers applying year after year, Lisowski said.

The projects were funded by grants from various

Science, math displays

◆ **Who:** Students and faculty from Eastern and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

◆ **What:** Showcase of science and math projects by students across Illinois from elementary to high school

◆ **When:** Introductions at 9 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m.

◆ **Where:** Grand Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

education agencies throughout the state, said Bob Chesnut, director of grants and research.

"No one at Eastern decides who gets these particular grants," he said. "Lisowski wrote proposals (that) convinced the reviewers at these agencies that the showcase programs should be funded."

This year, the program was given over \$1 million to operate, Lisowski said.

The showcase is open to anyone who is interested in seeing it, and Lisowski said those who attend would not be disappointed.

"They should expect to be dazzled," she said. "By the blending of science, math and technology in the projects."

The showcase begins with introductions at 9 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m. today.

STATE STORY

Blagojevich trying to start junk food ban in schools

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Unable to get lawmakers to support a ban on junk food in schools, Gov. Rod Blagojevich is asking the Illinois State Board of Education to use its authority to bar the sale of soda and other unhealthy foods at elementary and middle schools.

"I believe that if we successfully implement a ban on junk food at elementary and middle schools, it will help build the case for a ban in high schools," the governor wrote to board members Monday in a letter obtained by The Associated Press. "So I'm asking you to help our most impressionable kids form good eating habits, and prove that schools are better off without junk food."

Two years ago, Blagojevich and House Republican Leader Tom Cross proposed a junk food ban. They argued that it would help reduce childhood obesity, but that measure failed. At the time, some school officials and lawmakers said they were concerned about schools losing the extra money they get from vending machines.

In his letter to the state education board, Blagojevich wrote that he is sensitive to such concerns but believes the costs associated with selling junk food in schools outweigh

the benefits.

Jesse Ruiz, chairman of the state board of education, said he is inclined to support Blagojevich's proposal and noted that childhood obesity is a growing problem.

"It would be an important message to send. It does impact learning. Anything we can do to support learning-readiness, we should do," he said.

For elementary school students, the guidelines require only bottled water and 100 percent juice be available. At the middle school level, the guidelines allow for sports drinks, no-calorie soft drinks and low-calorie juice drinks. No full-calorie soft drinks or full-calorie juice drinks with 5 percent or less juice can be provided until after school hours.

"If you look at the actual consumption data and how low it is to begin with, and you couple that with our new industry wide policy, I don't think it's necessary," said Kathleen Dezio, spokeswoman for the American Beverage Association.

"We wanted to make sure there was something with the force of rule to make sure that schools were doing the right thing," said Elliot Regenstein, Blagojevich's director of education reform.

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STATE STORY

Building that Ryan's pal leased to the state was 'crumbling'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — A Joliet building leased to the state by a close friend of former Gov. George Ryan had crumbling concrete steps, a leaky roof, discolored plumbing and a fountain that produced foul-tasting water, a witness told the former governor's corruption trial Monday.

As Ryan's trial entered its tenth week, Glenn Good, a former state property manager, testified that the water tasted so bad that the fountain had to be taken out of the building.

"I tasted it myself," Good said.

Ryan, 71, is accused in a 22-count indictment of doling out big-money state leases and contracts to friends. Among those who made money through such leases and contracts was Ryan's friend Larry Warner, a 67-year-old lobbyist and businessman, who is also on trial in the case.

Ryan and Warner say that nothing they did was illegal.

But prosecutors say Warner used a front man to

lease the building to the state when Ryan was secretary of state in 1995 before his election as governor three years later.

Prosecutors say Warner owned 90 percent of the building through a holding company and got \$387,500 in payments for the Joliet property while his alleged front man owned only 10 percent.

Defense attorneys did get Good to acknowledge that some repairs to the building were made at the request of the secretary of state's office. He said that they were long in coming but added that wet weather may have been responsible for the delays.

Good also said he had qualms about the rental of two other buildings in which Warner was involved, one in Bellwood and one in downtown Chicago.

Good said that the minute he saw the Bellwood building he had doubts that it would be suitable for use by the secretary of state's police department because it was a former bank.

"I rolled my eyes" on seeing it, he said.

Ryan attorney Bradley E. Lerman asked Good

whether he believed that the building might have been highly valuable as a police station because the secure bank vault was still intact.

"It might have had value, but we could never learn that combination," Good said.

"That is your testimony, that you couldn't learn the combination?" Lerman asked, a tone of disbelief in his voice.

"That is my testimony," Good said flatly.

Good said the problem with the downtown building was that its basement had flooded in 1992 when Chicago River water went pouring into a tunnel under the Loop and adjacent structures.

He said the resulting mold had created odors that made some tenants sick.

Good was asked no questions about a controversial group that he headed during the 1998 race for governor, Progressives in Politics, which was created to help Ryan win Chicago gay votes.

The Ryan campaign's plan to launch such a group quietly became public knowledge in August

1998 when a memo that was meant for internal use only was faxed to WILL radio in Champaign.

After a complex duel between prosecutors and defense attorneys with jurors out of earshot, U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer ruled out any mention of efforts to win the gay vote.

Good did testify that Warner offered him a check to pay at least \$2,000 in debts incurred in connection with Ryan's campaign but did not say who owed the debt or what kind of group it was.

Good testified that he sometimes did do political work, such as making sure that precincts were canvassed, on state time but said he was not a clock watcher and did his state job well.

He said that he worked not only for Ryan but all candidates endorsed by Ryan. He said he often enjoyed such work but not in the case of 1996 Republican presidential hopeful Phil Gramm.

He said the Texas senator had no support in Illinois and was such a hard sell with voters that Ryan's political staffers jokingly referred to his presidential race as the "Gramm pain."

IHSA competitive balance proposal headed to a vote

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON — Illinois high schools will decide over the next month whether to adopt new rules to level the playing field between public schools and private schools that critics argue are winning a disproportionate share of state sports titles.

An Illinois High School Association commission Monday approved a vote on a proposal that would promote competitive balance by multiplying the enrollment of private schools by a factor of 1.65 for purposes of placing them into classes for state championship tournaments.

Voting by the IHSA's 751 member schools begins Tuesday and runs through Dec. 28, said Marty Hickman, executive director of the Bloomington-based organization. He said results will be announced Dec. 29.



Many candidates are hitting the campaign trail unusually late

SPRINGFIELD — The campaign trail won't be quite so long for some politicians this time around.

Several high-profile candidates are launching their campaigns unusually late this year, or next year, in the case of Gov. Rod Blagojevich, for reasons ranging from indecision to political strategy.

Some candidates have been crisscrossing the state for months. Usually, politicians like to launch their campaign around Labor Day with a big speech and headline-generating appearances.

But with only two weeks remaining before candidates can file their official election paperwork, Judy Baar Topinka has not kicked off her campaign for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. Other GOP candidates, for offices such as attorney general, have also delayed announcements.

And Blagojevich probably won't make a formal announcement until after his Jan. 18 State of the State address, said campaign spokesman Pete Giangreco.

Former death row inmate facing drug, weapons charges

CASEYVILLE — A man freed from Illinois' death row after being wrongly convicted in a 1978 double slaying near Chicago has been accused along with his wife of illegally possessing drugs in a motel in this St. Louis suburb.

Verneal Jimerson, who along with three other defendants wrongfully convicted in the double slaying became known as the Ford Heights Four, was arrested on Thanksgiving at a Motel 6 after someone told police they smelled burning marijuana, Caseyville police Detective Scott Miller said.

Officers who responded were invited by Jimerson inside the hotel room, where police found unspecified amounts of marijuana and crack cocaine, Miller said.

St. Clair County prosecutors have charged Jimerson, 53, and wife Angela Jimerson, 42, with felony possession of a controlled substance, authorities said. Verneal Jimerson also was charged with illegally possessing a handgun as a felon, authorities said.

Jimerson remained jailed Monday in Belleville on \$250,000 bail. His wife was freed Saturday on \$20,000 bond.

Three bodies found in southern Illinois in week's span

MOUNT VERNON — A smoldering body found in Jefferson County has brought to three the number of corpses found in southern Illinois in a week, leaving authorities to seek public help in trying to identify two of the victims and determine if any of the cases are related.

Saturday's discovery of a burned body near a creek east of Mount Vernon came exactly a week after a person's skeletal remains were found in a ditch north of Metropolis in far southern Illinois. Investigators of both cases said Monday they were working with neighboring states to try to match those victims with any missing-person reports.

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Bush to crack down on illegal immigrants

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz. — President Bush said Monday he wants to crack down on those who enter the country illegally but also give out more visas to foreigners with jobs, a dual plan he hopes will appease the social conservatives and business leaders who are his core supporters.

"The American people should not have to choose between a welcoming society and a lawful society," Bush said from the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base about an hour from the Mexican border. "We can have both at the same time."

The touchy issue of immigration has divided lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he will bring up the issue early next year. The House hopes to tackle some border security measures before adjourning for the year, but little time remains and it has other issues on its plate.

The president also vows to expand work visas

Bush also was pitching his plan in Arizona and Texas on Tuesday, two border states that are home to GOP senators who have been vocal on the need to change immigration laws but who aren't entirely sold on Bush's vision.

The idea for temporary worker visas has been especially divisive and is stalled in Congress. Bush said he does not support amnesty for illegal immigrants, but he does want to give workers a way to earn an honest living doing jobs that other Americans are unwilling to do and issue more green cards.

"Listen, there's a lot of opinions on this proposal," Bush said. "I understand that, but people in this debate must recognize that we will not be able to effectively enforce our immigration laws until we create a temporary worker program."

Also Monday in Phoenix, Bush sought to counter calls by some in Congress for a timetable for withdrawing U.S. forces. "We will stay until the job is done, not a day longer. We will get the job done in Iraq," Bush told 1,300 people at a fund-raiser that was expected to bring in \$1.4 million for Republican Sen. Jon Kyl's re-election campaign.

The president also promoted his plans to make tax cuts permanent, praised his Supreme Court picks, new Chief Justice John Roberts and associate justice nominee Samuel Alito, and pitched his immigration and border security proposals.

Earlier in Tucson, Bush spoke to a supportive audience that included border patrol agents and military troops. He was flanked by two

black Customs and Border Protection helicopters and giant green and yellow signs that said "Protecting America's Borders."

He said he is providing border agents with cutting-edge technology like overhead surveillance drones and infrared cameras, while at the same time constructing simple physical barriers to entry.

The president's push on border security and immigration comes a month after Bush signed a \$32 billion homeland security bill for 2006 that contains large increases for border protection, including 1,000 additional Border Patrol agents.

Bush has been urging Congress to act on a guest worker program for more than a year. Under his plan, undocumented immigrants would be allowed to get three-year work visas. They could extend that for an additional three years, but would then have to return to their home countries for a year to apply for a new work permit.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Injured congressman: U.S. should stay in Iraq

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Rep. Tim Murphy, one of two members of Congress treated at a military hospital after a weekend accident in Iraq, said Monday that wounded soldiers had told him the United States should remain in Iraq.

"Every soldier I talked to said, 'Don't pull out. Do not make it so those who have been wounded and those who have died have done so in vain. We know we can take care of this cause. We got to finish this,'" said Murphy, R-Pa., at a Capitol Hill news conference.

Murphy appeared at the news conference in hiking boots and sporting a small bandage on a cut above his right eye. He said he is still experiencing soreness in his neck, arms and back.

Barge of hot liquid asphalt runs aground in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. — A barge filled with more than 1 million gallons of hot liquid asphalt ran aground Monday, leaking 8,400 gallons into the James River, officials said.

Gerald Seeley Jr., a regional director of the state Department of Environmental Quality, said there was no evidence of any substantial damage to aquatic life.

The Coast Guard was investigating what caused the barge to run aground.

The accident happened before daybreak about five miles south of Richmond. One tank, holding 120,000 gallons of the 270-degree asphalt, sprang a leak. The other tanks on the barge did not appear to be leaking, the Coast Guard said.

California Rep. resigns after guilty plea

Cunningham admits to accepting bribes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Randy "Duke" Cunningham became an ace Navy fighter pilot in Vietnam, downing five enemy aircraft and surviving being shot down by a surface-to-air missile.

He later parlayed those military heroics into eight terms in Congress, where he became known for his interest in defense issues.

On Monday, Cunningham recalled his Vietnam days as he admitted taking millions of dollars in bribes in exchange for funneling gov-

ernment business to defense contractors. He learned during the war, he said, that men are judged by their response to adversity.

"In my life, I have had great joy and great sorrow. And now I know great shame," a tearful Cunningham said after pleading guilty to federal charges and resigning. "I can't undo what I have done but I can atone."

Cunningham, 63, said, "The next step is to face the consequences of my action like a man." He could get up to 10 years in prison for conspiracy to commit bribery, fraud and tax evasion.

Cunningham, a member of a House Appropriations subcommittee that controls defense dollars, admitted taking \$2.4 million in bribes, mostly from defense contractors who

then secured contracts worth tens of millions of dollars.

Prosecutors did not identify the defense contractors by name.

Cunningham was allowed to remain free while he awaits sentencing, scheduled for Feb. 27. He also agreed to forfeit his mansion, more than \$1.8 million in cash, and antiques and rugs.

The case grew out of an investigation into the sale of Cunningham's home in Del Mar, a seaside suburb north of San Diego, to a defense contractor at an inflated price.

The congressman had already announced in July, after the investigation became public, that he would not seek re-election next year. But until he entered his plea, he insisted he had done nothing wrong.

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U.S. defends decision not to join Kyoto Protocol

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTREAL — The United States defended its decision not to sign the Kyoto Protocol on Monday, saying during the opening of a global summit on climate change that it is doing more than most countries to protect the Earth's atmosphere.

The 10-day U.N. Climate Control Conference is considered the most important gathering on global warming since Kyoto, bringing together thousands of experts from 180 nations to brainstorm on ways to slow the alarming effects of greenhouses gases.

Leading environmental groups spent the first hours of the conference blasting Washington for not signing the landmark 1997 agreement that sets targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions around the world.

Dr. Harlan L. Watson, senior climate negotiator for the State Department, said that while President Bush declined to join the treaty, he takes global warming seriously and noted that U.S. greenhouse gas emissions had actually gone down by eight-tenths of a percent under Bush.

Canadian government toppled in no-confidence vote during election campaign

TORONTO — A corruption scandal forced a vote of no-confidence Monday that toppled Prime Minister Paul Martin's minority government, triggering an unusual election campaign during the Christmas holidays.

Canada's three opposition parties, which control a majority in Parliament, voted against Martin's government, claiming his Liberal Party no longer has the moral authority to lead the nation.

The loss means an election for all 308 seats in the lower House of Commons, likely on Jan. 23. Martin and his Cabinet would continue to govern until then.

Official: Honduras opposition candidate Mel Zelaya wins presidential election

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Manuel Zelaya, an wealthy landowner who promised to battle government corruption and push for life sentences for violent criminals, was declared Honduras' president-elect Monday.

His opponent from the ruling party, Porfirio Lobo Sosa, refused to concede, saying the votes had not yet been counted in full.

Supreme Electoral Tribunal President Aristides Mejia declared Zelaya the winner of Sunday's race, but officials said final results would not be available until later Monday at the earliest.

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The students rented vans to drive down to New Orleans and stayed at Project Lazarus for three days.

"Our goal was to be of service to these people," he said. "With all huge disasters, throwing money is a response, but after the response people should want to do more and there should be a face behind the money."

The team started work at 8 a.m. and worked until 6 p.m. washing out rooms, cleaning mold and spoilage, repainting and clearing out fallen trees. A director instructed the team and delegated jobs to rebuild the Lazarus House.

Sean Barth, a member of the Board of Trustees, was part of the group and described the scene as a "third-world America."

"I've been to Haiti a few times, and there's a lot of rubble on the side of the road and junk everywhere and broken down cars," Barth said. "It's really overwhelming and you're like, 'Where do I begin?' It's not the kind of thing you expect to see in America."

Barth said he had a natural reaction to want to go down to help when he was watching the hurricane coverage on television.

"I knew going down there and doing anything small would help to fix things little by little," he said. "I know a lot of people wanted to help with the hurricane

efforts, and you can't just go down and say you're going to work and help; you have to touch base with people who have clear goals of what needs to be done."

Lanham described the scene as being "eerie, surreal and weird."

"It's eerie, especially at night driving down a street with no electricity. It's terribly sad and tragic," he said. "We were driving down street after street with miles of empty homes."

Lanham said the group wanted to see the worst affected areas and the immense damage that destroyed the city in a normally popular tourist season.

"There were and a million and a half people living there and 60,000 people there now," Barth said. "People are starting to come back because they have no jobs and people who could normally provide for family can't do it anymore. This destroyed hundreds of thousands of people's lives."

Barth said that the residents have nothing to go back to now, and people aren't fully realizing how this will affect the country for years to come in terms of homelessness and economic status.

The U.S. Army spray-painted large Xs on houses to specify what precinct they were in, the date and the number of dead humans or animals.

"I'm not entirely sure what they were dealing with down there, but it seemed ridiculous because all these houses with not that much damage had these huge Xs on them," Barth said. "So all these people who

are coming back to their homes, which are livable, have to live with a giant X on their house."

Lanham said he is very impressed with Eastern students, and that the group who was involved with Project Lazarus was extremely instrumental.

"I think students have kind of forgotten that this happened," Barth said. "We only remember what's in front of our eyes and this problem's going to be there for years and years."

Barth said he believes that if people were concerned at all, he would have seen more people working and helping rebuild places in New Orleans.

The best part of the experience, he said, was being able to say he put the desire to go down and help into his own hands instead of watching television and wishing.

"We actually did it," he said. "We didn't fix (the situation), but we brought them (victims) that much closer to being normal again."

During his Thanksgiving celebration, Barth told people about his experience and what needs to be done.

"Being overwhelmed with something doesn't mean people should be paralyzed," he said. "Intense experience; I wanted to share it with as many people as I could."

Lanham said he wants to encourage more students to get involved, and to be aware to be involved with future disasters.

"A direct impact builds a relationship and makes a difference," Barth said.

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and syllabi for their claim.

Although it frequently changes, a policy concerning grade appeals has been intact for several years.

"At this point, the policy has not been finalized, but rumors have been going around that it's being worked on," said Mark Bates, chair of the tuition and fee committee who also serves as a member of academic affairs.

Frederick said she believes the increase of grade appeals is a result of advertisement and word of mouth.

"A lot of students didn't know about it," Frederick said. "One of my goals when I took this position was to get word out about the process. A lot of it has to do with advertising in the paper, and people just hearing about it from others."

In dealing with grade appeals, Bates and Frederick agreed that professors have been, for the most part, very cooperative.

"Professors haven't been defensive or

taken it personally when a student issues a grade appeal," said Bates. "They pretty much go with the flow and are fair about it."

Frederick said she believes it has been a smooth process because teachers and students are very respectfully of each other.

"It means a lot when you are in an authoritative position and you can be respectful," Frederick said. "Having professors that will listen to you is a huge advantage for Eastern that many other schools don't have."

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Lerner, which will confirm whether the search warrant was appropriate.

Police officers searched Jackson's Brittany Ridge apartment after one of the victim's roommates identified

Jackson in a photographic lineup, said Det. James Blagg of the Charleston Police Department.

Officers found a gray T-shirt with "ARMY" printed on the front and black mesh shorts.

During the last court appearance the shirt had two blood-like stains the size of

a silver dollar, Blagg said. The DNA of the stains has not been processed to be presented in court as evidence, Lerner said.

Jackson was home for a week while on leave from the military when the incident occurred. The next tentative court date is scheduled for 11 a.m. Jan. 9, 2006, in courtroom three.

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WRESTLING

Missouri Open a disappointment

Only one Panther places in tournament's top-five

By PATRICK VITT
STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers ended this Thanksgiving break with only one wrestler qualifying for a top five finish at last Sunday's Missouri Open.

Junior Kenny Robertson (8-2) finished third in the 174-pound weight class after losing to University of Illinois junior Donny Reynolds, who is ranked third nationally in that weight class. Reynolds placed second behind Missouri junior Ben Askren who pinned Robertson at the Central Missouri Open for his only loss of the tournament.

This third place finish for Robertson was his second time placing in the top three in the two tournaments Eastern has been in this season.

Eastern's top heavyweight Danny Perez lost both of his matches at the Missouri Open.

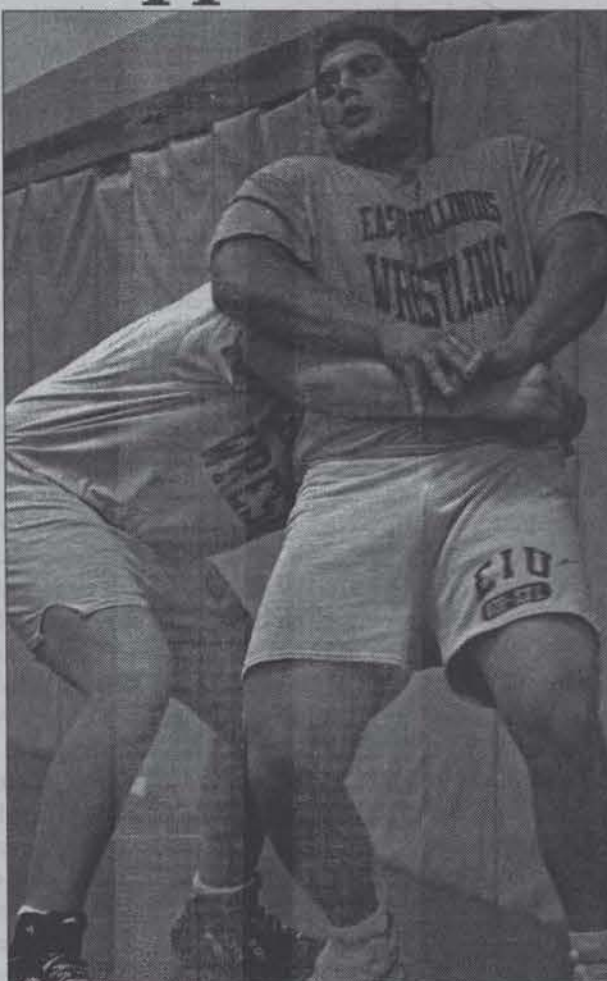
Perez had been wrestling well. In the Panthers' first tournament, the Central Missouri Open in which Eastern finished 11 out of 21 teams, Perez finished in fifth place after going 4-2.

He is hoping to fill in the void left by NCAA qualifier Peter Ziminski, who last season finished the season in St. Louis at the NCAA National Finals.

Eastern freshmen Jeff Tharp from Morton, and Tom Johnson from Indianapolis continued to show promise after both finished the Central Missouri Open with 2-2 records.

Tharp finished the freshman-sophomore tournament with a 4-2 record in the 149 division with one of his losses coming against third place Clint Arlis from University of Illinois. Johnson finished this weekend with a familiar 2-2 record.

"Both are wrestling real well as true freshman, we just want them to continue to wrestle and improve," said Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland.



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Heavyweight wrestler Danny Perez wrestles at practice in Lantz Arena Monday afternoon.

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"It definitely hurt us having them on the bench," Sallee said. "We couldn't press, we couldn't do the things we needed and wanted to do in the first half."

With most of the starters watching instead of playing, junior guards Megan Casad and Meggie Eck helped carry the team. Eck knocked down two three-pointers in the first half and Casad had five points including one three-pointer to go along with five assists and six rebounds in the first 20 minutes.

"They kept us in it," Sallee said. "I'm proud of both of them. If we can continue to get contributions from them as well as everyone else, we'll be on the right track."

Trailing at halftime 37-31, the Flames expanded their lead to as much as 15 in the second half. A three from Eck brought the Panthers within eight points with 11:52 left, but UIC was able to hold off the Panthers late charge.

Sparks had two free throw attempts with two minutes left that would have cut the deficit to five.

However, the usual reliable senior free-throw shooter missed both, ending Eastern's chances of a comeback.

The play of UIC's senior point guard Chrissy Dizon was a problem throughout the night for Sallee and company. The former walk-on torched the Panthers last year for 24 points and was at it again Monday night.

Dizon was the difference-maker en route to a game-high 23 points. She also finished with nine rebounds, seven assists and six steals.

"Bottom line was she single-handedly beat us," a frustrated Sallee said.

The Panthers now turn their attention to Wednesday night and Mid-Continent Conference foe Butler.

"We don't have a whole lot of time to feel sorry about ourselves," Sallee said.

The home opener is set to tip-off at 7:35 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

OVC BRIEFS

Samford downs Southern Mississippi

**SAMFORD 52,
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI 33**

After a defensive battle led to a 16-15 halftime lead for Southern Mississippi, Samford opened the second half with a 17-5 run to open up the game and went on to defeat Southern Mississippi Monday night.

The Bulldogs ran their record to 3-2. J. Robert Merritt made four three-pointers and led the team with 15 points.

Samford outscored Southern Mississippi 37-17 in the second half and the Bulldogs won their second game in a row.

The Bulldogs shot 45 percent from the

field and just 62 percent from the free throw line and were outrebounded 26-18 but forced 18 turnovers and committed just 11 to win the game.

**EASTERN KENTUCKY 88,
WV WESLEYAN 46**

Eastern Kentucky moved their record to 2-3 with a drubbing of Division II West Virginia Wesleyan on Monday night in the team's home opener.

The 0-6 Bobcats led the Colonels 11-8 early in the game but gave up a

14-0 run and would never lead again.

Eastern shot 62.1 percent in the second half and led 47-20 at halftime.

Three seniors who all played over 20 minutes led the Colonels.

Senior guard Josh McLeish shot 7-for-9 from the field and scored 18 points in 21 minutes and was one of four Colonels in double figures.

Senior guard Matt Witt led the Colonels with 20 points on 8-of-15 shooting and moved into the school's top 10 in career scoring.

Senior forward Alonzo Hird recorded a double-double as he scored 10 points and contributed 11 rebounds.

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ball, that is when you can evaluate. But when that chance comes into play in the postseason, it is that much more important because a loss, like Eastern's loss to the Salukis last Saturday, finishes the season.

The Panthers should be proud of their accomplishments this season. They ran the table in a conference when they were not expected to make much noise.

The Chicago Bears were also not expected to do much this season. The

"experts" picked them to finish last in the NFC North division.

But if the postseason comes along and the Bears play a team that can force turnovers and give the Bears defense a short field to defend, they may follow Eastern and have a one-game postseason that makes everyone wonder whether the defense's play was covering up a deficiency on offense.

If you think Marco's fine writing skills are just covering up a deficiency in his looks you can send him a memo at cumas36@eiu.edu

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the team needs to play better regardless of whether they shoot poorly. "You're going to have segments where you don't make shots or it's hard to score, but then you need to get fouled, get a put back," he said. "You have to find another way to score and keep going, and we just weren't able to do that."

One area Eastern struggled with was the ability to get to the foul line. Sophomore center George Tandy, who Miller said was more aggressive against SLU compared to his outing against Xavier, made all four of the Panther's free throw attempts.

Miller altered his starting lineup from Xavier by inserting sophomore center Wes Wilkin in place of sophomore forward Jake Byrne.

Sophomore forward Bobby Catchings, who started against the Musketeers, came off the bench against the Billikens in favor of senior guard Jake Sinclair.

"We could change game-to-game right now," said Miller about the starting five. "We're trying to get off to the best start and part of that is match-ups. We're trying to figure out what's the best match-up and how we can play most efficiently."

The transition from long time head coach Rick Samuels' system to Miller's has been a work in progress, Gomes said.

"You don't want to mess up; you don't want to do the wrong thing, and you can't play like that," he said. "You just have to go out there and play."

The combined 80 points the Panthers have tallied in the first two games might be matched in tonight's game against the Leathernecks.

Western plays an up-tempo game, said Miller, and could use as many as 12 players in the game.

"What it does is it forces players to make plays," said Miller about Western's fast-paced style of play. "You can't really run set plays against that. The guys are just going to have to react with instincts, play with



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Olivet Nazarene freshman guard Josh Bronke attempts to block freshman guard Mike Robinson during the Nov. 10 game at Lantz Arena.

spacing and have better ball movement."

Western (1-2) is coming off a loss to nationally ranked Indiana, 102-79 last Saturday. The Leathernecks feature two starters, senior forward Keith Oguns and sophomore guard David Jackson, averaging double figures. Oguns comes into the game averaging 18 points per game, while Jackson isn't far behind at 17 ppg.

Gomes knows the importance of this game and Saturday's home opener against Indiana State before venturing into Ohio Valley Conference play.

"If we can be 2-2 right before conference starts, we'll be right where we want to be."

MLB

Thome excited about playing for the city of Chicago

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO - Jim Thome could primarily be a designated hitter or he could play a lot of first base for his new team, the Chicago White Sox. It depends whether free-agent Paul Konerko returns to the World Series champs or signs elsewhere.

No sooner had Thome joined the White Sox in a trade from the Phillies last week than he picked up the phone and tried to be a recruiter, calling Konerko. His message?

"Please come back," Thome said Monday as he pulled on a White Sox jersey and cap during a news conference at U.S. Cellular Field.

"I put a call into him this weekend. We have not talked. I've known Paulie for a long time. ... I just wanted him to know from my end. We'll connect I'm sure. He probably has a lot going on and vice versa."

At 35, Thome is coming off a season filled with injuries and frustration. First, a strained back, followed by season-ending surgery on his elbow in August. The left-handed power hitter with 430 career homers managed only seven last season.

Still, the White Sox wanted his potential pop in the middle of the lineup, perhaps behind AL championship series MVP Konerko, whom Chicago hopes will make a decision by the end of next week's winter meetings.

Thome, who spent most of his career with the Indians before going to the Phillies in 2003, said he's ready to do whatever is needed. He expects to be healthy after daily exercises to strengthen his back and strenuous rehab on his elbow, saying he is ahead of schedule.

"From all reports I get, I will be ready to rock in spring training," he said.

"I missed all of the second half last year, so I'm really ready to get going. I got to kind of calm myself down."

If Konerko does return, Thome's role will be mostly with his bat.

"First for me is to stay healthy and work on that and whatever role I'm put into, you know what? That's fine," he said. "Let's win another one. That's what is unique about this situation."

But Thome thinks he can still play in the field despite the physical setbacks.

"When I went to Philadelphia, I had planned on doing that for the six years I signed there. ... I have to prepare like that's going to happen."

The White Sox gave up gritty and popular center fielder Aaron Rowand and two promising minor league pitchers for Thome, while also receiving \$22 million from the Phillies.

"With the emergence of Ryan Howard, who had a tremendous year, to be honest, I didn't really know what would happen," said Thome, who'd been rehabbing at the Phillies' spring training complex in Clearwater, Fla.

"Philadelphia treated me great from the day I got there and I will always cherish that. It's a passionate city. They get after it, they are rowdy and they made it easy because they rooted for me."

Thome should be a good fit in the very loose White Sox clubhouse under manager Ozzie Guillen, but was mostly attractive because he's a proven run producer when healthy.

"We wanted a left-handed power bat in the middle of our order and we started assembling our list and Jim's name was right at the top," Hahn said.

With one priority met, Chicago's other is

Konerko. The White Sox have an ongoing dialogue with Konerko's agent, Craig Landis, Hahn said, adding they hope to know soon so they can map out the rest of their offseason plans and budget.

Growing up in Peoria, Ill., Thome said he was more of a Cubs fan, but added that he's sure the White Sox will pick up some fans now in his hometown, which is about 170 miles away. He also acknowledged returning to Jacobs Field in Cleveland for the first time since leaving as a free agent will be a "different" experience this season.

But coming home, or at least close to it, had Thome beaming Monday.

White Sox to host MLB opener

CHICAGO—The World Series champion Chicago White Sox will play the major league season opener on Sunday, April 2 against the Cleveland Indians.

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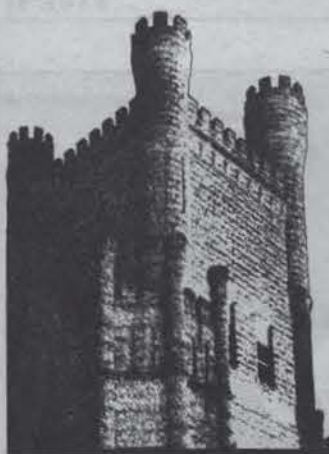
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FRIDAY	SWIMMING AT INDIANAPOLIS INVITE	thru Dec. 3
SATURDAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT CINCINNATI	7 p.m.
SUNDAY	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. INDIANA STATE	7:35 p.m.
	WRESTLING AT NORTHERN IOWA	All day

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Flames burn the Panthers down

UIC defeats Eastern 86-77 in Chicago

BY MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern won the rebounding battle Monday night against Illinois-Chicago. Unfortunately, they lost the game.

With 15 turnovers in the first half and foul trouble plaguing the starting guard tandem of freshman Megan Edwards and senior Megan Sparks in the first half, Eastern lost to the Flames 86-77.

After struggling in the first two games in the rebounding department, it was a point of emphasis all week for Eastern head coach Brady Sallee and his team. But the emphasis did not have the anticipated affect.

"If there's a silver lining that we can take out of this, it's we worked hard to take care of the rebounding situation," Sallee said.

After a steal and layup from Edwards on the game's opening possession, UIC proceeded to go on a 13-0 run and never relinquished the lead.

Junior guard Heather Hugelier hit two three-pointers to help spark the run before sitting out the last 16 minutes after picking up her second foul. Hugelier finished the game with 16



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman guard Ellen Canale looks past Missouri-St. Louis freshman guard Tasha Hack during the Nov. 3 game at Lantz Arena. In last night's game against UIC, Canale had 13 points and 10 rebounds in a losing effort.

points.

After Edwards' layup, the Panthers did not have another field goal until a layup from Sparks to make it 15-6.

Fouls were a problem for the Panthers (0-3), as Sparks, Edwards and freshman guard Kara Kramer all

had to sit the last 10 minutes of the first half after picking up two fouls apiece. Sparks, the team's leading scorer with 19 points per game heading into the contest, had a team-high 16 points against UIC, but 12 of those came in the second half. Edwards

added 14, but 12 came in the second half and freshman guard Ellen Canale posted her first career double-double, tallying 13 points, all in the second half, to go along with 10 rebounds.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern looks to Western for victory

Panthers blown out by Xavier and St. Louis over break

BY MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

When Eastern steps onto the court against Western Illinois tonight, senior guard Josh Gomes is hoping the game will last longer than the regular season opener against Xavier.

"I don't know what happened," he said.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller and his team both were probably wishing the result didn't happen as the Musketeers blew past the Panthers 80-35. Three days later Eastern dropped a 69-45 contest to St. Louis.

"That (Xavier game) just went by us," Gomes said. "To me, the game seemed like a half an hour and we were right back on the road."

Eastern (0-2) shot a school-record low 18 percent in the loss, converting nine of 49 field goal attempts.

"Shots we needed to make we didn't make," said Miller, who made his head-coaching debut two Saturdays ago. "Part of it was we were overmatched. I don't think on that night we were going to beat

them, but we could have played better than what we did."

Miller also said that the missed shots could also be attributed to the team rushing the offense and pressing to make up for the large deficit.

Xavier was led by sophomore forward Brian Thornton, who scored a game-high 20 points in only 24 minutes of action. The 6-foot-9 sophomore made all eight of his field goal attempts while also pulling down nine rebounds.

The Musketeers used their size advantage, totaling more points in the paint (36) than Eastern's overall score.

The Panthers faced a 37-18 deficit at halftime and any hopes of a comeback were diminished right after the break. Xavier's lead swelled to 49-20 five minutes into the second half and led by as much as 46 late in the second half.

Gomes was the only Eastern player in double figures, with 11 points, but shot three of 13.

The road struggles continued for the Panthers against St. Louis.

Playing in St. Charles, Mo., instead of St. Louis because of a scheduling conflict that the Billikens had with the National Hockey League's St. Louis Blues.

Eastern jumped out to an early lead, only to see it disappear.

Men's Basketball

Date	Opponents	Time
11/29	@Western Illinois	7:05 p.m.
12/3	Indiana State	7:35 p.m.
12/8	Tennessee Tech	7:35 p.m.
12/12	Tennessee St.	7:35 p.m.
12/19	@E. Kentucky	6 p.m.

* home games in bold

Leading 17-10 behind the strong play of freshman guard Mike Robinson, SLU went on a 20-2 run in the last seven minutes to close out the first half.

"What really hurt us was when Mike Robinson picked up his third foul and had to go out," Miller said. Robinson led Eastern with 16 points on four of six shooting from beyond the arc.

Eastern's shooting percentage was a little higher against SLU as they shot 35 percent. But Miller said

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OFF THE BENCH

MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

Bears may mimic Panthers

This is a memo to all Chicago Bears fans:

You may have had a preview of what fate awaits your team last weekend at O'Brien Stadium.

The Bears offense, much like Eastern's offense did, relies on their defense giving them a short field to work with by forcing turnovers at opportune times.

As much as quarterback Kyle Orton dislikes the term, he is merely managing the victories. He has managed to top 150 yards just one time this season and that was against the lowly Detroit Lions.

Aside from victories against Samford and Tennessee Tech, when sophomore quarterback Mike Donato was a key element statistically, he wasn't forced to come out and be a world beater because the defense was giving the offense a short field to work with.

Like Orton, Donato has shown some signs of being a good quarterback but not on a consistent basis.

That may be because of the Panthers' game plan of establishing the run. But when the offense had to make a move and put some points up on Saturday, drives stalled.

The similarities don't end on the offense.

The Chicago Bears have ridden their defense to an 8-3 record that puts them at the top of the NFC North division. On top of that, they now have a chance to get a first round bye in the post season.

The Panthers rode their defense to a Division I-AA home playoff game against Southern Illinois.

Against SIU, the Panthers forced just one turnover and committed one. The Panthers could not convert from the Saluki 12-yard line and had to settle for a field goal attempt, which was blocked.

The old saying of "live by the sword, die by the sword" rings especially true when it comes to forcing turnovers.

When you are forcing several turnovers each game, your offense has several chances of converting them into points. This keeps your team rolling, but never allows a team to evaluate how good or bad their offense is.

But if it comes down to a game against a team that takes care of the

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